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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION FOR OCTOBER 1

1. IN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, EDITIONS THE TURKISH PRESS  
GAVE FRONTPAGE PLAY TO NEWS STORIES ABOUT THE UPCOMING  
DEBATE IN THE HOUSE ON THE ARMS EMBARGO. THE PRESS  
NOTED THAT THE DEBATE  
WAS POSTPONED DUE TO THE DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN  
BRADEMAS'S FATHER, AND THAT THE VOTE MAY TAKE  
PLACE ON FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3, TURKISH TIME.

2. IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE FRONTPAGE OF MODERATELY LEFT  
POLITIKA, ISMAIL CEM WROTE: "...ONE SHOULD NOT EXAGGERATE  
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THE EXPECTED DECISION OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

BUT SHOULD TAKE A LESSON FROM RECENT DEVELOPMENTS...AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ISSUE THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF DEPENDENCE OR INDEPENDENCE....THE FOREIGN POLICY OF TURKEY, DRAWN AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HAS THE CHARACTER OF SELF IMMOLATION...IT IS THE RESULT OF CONSCIOUSLY MADE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL PREFERENCES...THE PREFERENCES HAVE YIELDED THEIR FRUIT AFTER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY." IN A RELATED EDITORIALIZED NEWS REPORT POLITIKA REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR TURKEY TO RELY ON HER OWN RESOURCES AND PROTECT HER INDEPENDENCE.

3. ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, MANY PAPERS GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO SECSTATE KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND TO SUBSEQUENT SPECULATION THAT THE U.S. MAY PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN A NEW YORK DATELINED STORY IN LIBERAL REFORMIST MILLIYET SAMI KOHEN REPORTED: "ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SECRETARY KISSINGER IS WAITING FOR THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO FIRST. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE ELECTIONS IN TURKEY. WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO ACT MORE 'FREELY' AFTER THE ELECTIONS, AND THE TIME WILL BE RIPE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO STEP ONTO THE STAGE... THE OBJECTIVE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE IS TO REACTIVATE THE DISRUPTED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND BEFORE THAT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. TO DO THIS MR. KISSINGER MAY USE HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY AMONG TURKEY, GREECE, AND CYPRUS...."

4. NILUFER YALCIN IN AN ANKARA DATELINED STORY IN MILLIYET REPORTED THAT IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, TURKEY IS EXPECTING RECEIPT OF 16 PHANTOMS WHICH HAD BEEN ORDERED BEFORE THE EMBARGO. YALCIN ALSO REPORTED THAT JUSMMAT WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE TO HELP THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN OBTAINING AMERICAN ARMS. ON THE DIPLOMATIC SIDE YALCIN REPORTED THAT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN ANKARA BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. WILL REQUEST IMMEDIATE OPENING OF THE MILITARY BASES, BUT BECAUSE THE EMBARGO MAY BE PARTIALLY LIFTED, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS NO INTENTION OF PUTTING THE BASES INTO FULL OPERATION IMMEDIATELY. YALCIN ADDED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASES WILL ATTEMPT TO RESTORE TURKISH-AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS TO THEIR FORMER LEVEL ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS.

5. IN A RELATED STORY CONCERNING CYPRUS AND THE ARMS EMBARGO CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN REPORTED THAT BRITAIN HAS BEGUN WITHDRAWING ARMS AND MILITARY MATERIAL FROM HER BASES ON CYPRUS WHICH HAVE REPORTEDLY LOST IMPORTANCE FOR BRITAIN. THE STORY WENT ON TO ADD THAT MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN LONDON SAID THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM

REPORTEDLY NO LONGER WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GUARANTOR ROLE IN CYPRUS AND DOES NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY FUTURE TROUBLE IN CYPRUS. TERCUMAN ALSO MADE MENTION OF THE ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF THE GREEK AND JEWISH LOBBIES AGAINST TURKEY NOW THAT THE HOUSE IS PREPARING TO VOTE ON THE ARMS EMBARGO.

6. IN AN ATHENS DATELINED STORY IN MILIYET MEHMET ALI BIRAND REPORTED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH GREEK DEFMIN AVEROF AND INFOMIN LAMBRIAS. BIRAND SAID THAT AVEROF AND LABRIAS EXPECTED TURKEY TO CHANGE HER RIGID STANCE ON CYPRUS FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS. AVEROF REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH COMMONSENSE IN TURKEY AND THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD TO WORK TOGETHER. BOTH MEN ALLEDGEDLY MAINTAINED THAT GREECE HAD NOT STARTED A GREEK LOBBY IN WASHINGTON TO KEEP THE EMBARGO AND THAT GREECE DID NOT SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF IT. THEY ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT THE EMBARGO DID NOT HAVE ANY PRACTICAL VALUE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. LAMBIAS REPORTEDLY TOLD BIRAND: "TURKEY MUST VERY CAREFULLY STUDY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT...." LAMBRIAS ADDED THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE KISSINGER STATEMENT POINTS TO THE CONCESSIONS SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL ASK THE TURKS TO MAKE.  
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